

*Kingston, NY* – Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today joined President and CEO of LEDs America Joel Westermarck, Vincent Cozzolino of The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) and Alan Ginsberg of Tech City to announce that up to 100 new Hudson Valley jobs will be created in the manufacture of high-tech LED lighting systems over the next twelve months. LEDs America, a TSEC Partner, will be expanding their Florida-based operation to Tech City—a former IBM facility where Hinchey has helped to create hundreds of new high-tech manufacturing jobs in the renewable energy and agriculture sectors throughout the past three years.

“This proves that what we are doing is working,” said Hinchey. “The investments I’ve secured to grow our local energy industry and the work I’ve done to help bring companies into our area are paying dividends. LEDs America is going to add up to 100 new jobs to our local economy in the next twelve months. They’re coming to the Hudson Valley to strengthen their partnership with TSEC and to take advantage of our highly skilled workforce. I’m so proud of everything we’ve accomplished so far, and I know we can do so much more moving forward.”

Hinchey has worked to deliver hundreds of green energy jobs in the emerging solar, biomass and battery technology industries. He led the effort to establish The Solar Energy Consortium, delivering over a dozen solar companies and more than 600 jobs in three years. He also fought to secure \$100 million in Department of Energy loan guarantees to construct and operate a biomass energy facility in Orange County, creating 480 jobs.